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LATIN AMERICA**25X1A 3. Nicaraguan president feels "doublecrossed by United States":**

Nicaraguan president Somoza told American newsmen on 9 February that he would tell Vice President Nixon during his forthcoming visit that Nicaragua

has backed American policies "down the line" in the UN and the Organization of American States and in fighting Communism throughout Central America, while the "left-wing" government of Costa Rica permits Communists to operate freely.

Somoza gave the impression that he is deeply hurt and feels he has been doublecrossed because the United States did not act "in a neutral manner" in the recent Costa Rican revolution "despite all of his support." He hinted that the United States, because of its aid to the "Communist-infiltrated" Costa Rican government, may lose the support of a sizable bloc of anti-Communist Latin American governments in the UN and the OAS.

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